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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31 and 35-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31 and 35-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to a communication made on April 25, 2007.

Claim 27, 35, 37, and 50 have been amended.

Claims 9, 11, 17-19, 26, and 32-34 have been cancelled.

Claim 58 has been newly added.

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31, and 35-58 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 58 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The applicant argues that the new claim 58 is supported by Figure 2 and Column 3, lines 11-27. In looking at those sections, there is no teaching that the user identification information is received from the server in response to an initial network connection. That section of the disclosure teaches that the user ID and password are entered by the user and sent to and confirmed by the server. There is no indication that the server may ever send the user ID or password to the user. So that limitation of the claim is not supported.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 58 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claim has the limitation of receiving from the server user identification information including a user ID and password. This is not supported by the specification and it is unclear what this limitation is meant to convey.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 58 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Aoki (EP 1024438) (Applicant's IDS).

Regarding claim 58, Aoki teaches a method of publishing network content, the method comprising:

initiating a first network connection from a client, prior to the initialization of any other network connection and receiving from a server in response to the initiating of said first network connection, a user identification information comprising a user ID and a password (Paragraph 39; Column 7, lines 41 – 55), wherein Aoki teaches that the user ID and password are inputted into the client computer by the user than sent to the client to authenticate the connection, this is was it disclosed in the instant specification); and

transferring a file through a connection created in response to a request to transfer the file, the request comprising the user identification information and the file (Paragraph 30; Column 8, lines 1 – 3).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31, and 35-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herr-Hoyman (5727156) in view of Freishtat (5945989).

Regarding claim 1, 12, 20, 27, 35, 42, 50 and 57, Herr-Hoyman teaches a network system constructed by a client and a server (Column 2, lines 12 – 15), comprising:

a set information obtaining unit which is provided for said client (Column 2, lines 15 – 20), issues a request to said server (Column 5, lines 36 – 41) by an information obtaining request using user identification information, including a user ID and a password (Column 5, lines 47 – 55), provided upon connection to the network (Column 3, lines 57 – 62; lines 34 – 42), and sets the connection information which is received as its response;

a transfer processing unit which is provided for said client, and upon transmitting operation conducted by specifying a file, activated said information obtaining unit, and transfers said file to said server (Column 9, lines 17 – 26).

Herr-Hoyman does not explicitly indicate connection information obtained from said server and a set information providing unit which is provided for said server and transmits the connection information which is obtained by using said user identification information received from said client to the client (Column 8, lines 13 – 20; lines 41 – 44).

Freishtat teaches a method of publishing websites on a server (Column 4, lines 15 – 23) including receiving from the server connection information at the client (Column 7, line 61 – Column 8, line 12) and edit said connection information.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Freishtat's teaching of prompting the user with connection information about the server and file to be uploaded in Herr-Hoyman's system in order to allow one without great knowledge of web sites to be able to control how the file is connected and stored on the server.

Regarding claims 2, 13, 21, 28, 36, 43, and 51, Herr-Hoyman teaches a network system according to claims 1, 12, 20, 27, 35, 42, and 50.

Herr-Hoyman does not explicitly indicate that said connection information is information which is used when a file is transferred from said client to said server, and said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name.

Freishtat teaches a method of publishing websites on a server (Column 4, lines 15 – 23) and that said connection information is information which is used when a file is transferred from said client to said server, and said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name (Column 7, line 61 – Column 8, line 12; Figure 10).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Freishtat's teaching of prompting the user with connection information about the server and file to be uploaded in Herr-Hoyman's system in order to allow one without great knowledge of web sites to be able to control how the file is connected and stored on the server.

Regarding claims 5, 16, 31, and 46, Herr-Hoyman teaches that the client is a registered user of said server was recognized from a set mail address (Column 3, lines 31 – 44), said set information obtaining unit issues the information obtaining request using said user identification information (Column 3, lines 57 – 67).

Regarding claims 6, 22, 37, and 52, Herr-Hoymann teaches that said server provides an establishing service of a homepage and, when the information obtaining request from said client is received, said server performs an establishing process of the homepage by using said user identification information and, thereafter, transmits requested information to said client (Column 2, lines 25 – 42; Column 9, line 57 – Column 10, line 40).

Regarding claims 7, 23, 38, and 53, Herr-Hoyman teaches that the information obtaining request is received from said client, said server performs said establishing

process in the case where a homepage corresponding to the user who is specified by said user identification information is not established yet (Column 3, lines 45 – 55; where the figure 3 flow chart is the initialization of the website/homepage).

Regarding claims 8, 24, 39, and 54, Herr-Hoyman teaches that said homepage establishing service is provided to the registered user (Column 3, lines 51 – 56; Column 9, lines 34 – 49).

Regarding claim 47, Herr-Hoyman teaches that a transfer processing unit which is provided for said client, and upon transmitting operation conducted by specifying a file, activated said information obtaining unit, and transfers said file to said server (Column 9, lines 17 – 26).

Herr-Hoyman does not explicitly indicate connection information obtained from said server and a set information providing unit which is provided for said server and transmits the connection information which is obtained by using said user identification information received from said client to the client (Column 8, lines 13 – 20; lines 41 – 44).

Freishtat teaches a method of publishing websites on a server (Column 4, lines 15 – 23) including receiving from the server connection information at the client (Column 7, line 61 – Column 8, line 12) and edit said connection information.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Freishtat's teaching of prompting the user with connection information about the server and file to be uploaded in Herr-Hoyman's system in order

to allow one without great knowledge of web sites to be able to control how the file is connected and stored on the server.

Regarding claims 10, 25, 40, 48, and 55, Herr-Hoyman teaches that the obtaining request of said connection information and its response between said set information obtaining unit of said client and said connection information providing unit of said server are processed by a protocol having a security function (Column 4, lines 1 – 8).

Regarding claims 41, 49, and 56, Herr-Hoyman teaches that said user identification information is constructed by an account name and a password (Column 3, lines 31 – 44).

Regarding claims 3, 14, 29, and 44, Herr-Hoyman teaches a system according to claims, 1, 12, 27, and 42, wherein the website space is setup through an ISP which could dial-Up connections (Column 1, lines 9 – 23; Column 2, lines 11 - 15) and that the connection to the web creation server gives the client the user ID (Column 1, lines 39 – 41) and stores it as a local variable on the client (Column 3, lines 31 – 33)..

Herr-Hoyman does not explicitly indicate that in the case where a connection to a network is a dial-up connection, said set information obtaining unit obtains the user identification information which is used for said information obtaining request from a setting input of the dial-up connection.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that if a user was interacting with an ISP that when the ISP needs

to assign a unique name to a client that it can use the unique name the client uses to connect though a dialup connection (Column 1, lines 39 – 41).

Regarding claims 4, 15, 30, 45, Herr-Hoyman teaches that in the case where a connection to the network is other than said dial-up connection, said set information obtaining unit uses the user identification information which is inputted from the user for said information obtaining request (Column 3, lines 31 – 44).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed December 6, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues that the reference, Herr-Hoyman, does not teach performing any of the steps upon connection to the network. The examiner disagrees, the steps of communication connection information are performed upon the connection to the server. In order to connect to a server, the client must setup a connection with the network to which connects the server and the client, thus upon the connection of the client to the network and to the server, these steps are performed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Bates whose telephone number is (571) 272-3980. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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